

ward down by Mr. Geer's log-house, near the large spring, and then over the Lackawaxen, a few rods above Mr. Baker's residence. As this was a prominent road previous to the construction of the turnpike which took its place, it may be of interest to notice the inhabitants on it, beginning with Mr. John Tiffany. On leaving his house westward was Nathan Rood, Solomon West, Henry Newton, Benjamin Newton, Silas Tanner; next, a frame school-house; then Joseph Tanner and Benjamin Dix. As it passed Mr. Dix's, it bent southward, and passed down as before mentioned. Just before it reached the stream it connected with another road that came up in the direction of the present Bethany road, and passed the dwellings of Messrs. Benjamin King, Ruben Carr, and Elijah Dix. Here the two roads uniting, passed over the Lackawaxen. Then they parted to accommodate two taverns at the top of the hill, kept by Mr. Stanton and Mr. Mumford, on the north and south road.

There are five turnpikes, which either commenced or pass through this township. The Cocheaton and Great Bend Turnpike, incorporated March 29, 1804, passes through it from Cocheaton to Great Bend.\* The following terminate in this town: "Bethany and Dingman's Choice," incorporated March 2d, 1811.† "Belmont and Easton," incorporated March 13th, 1812. "Belmont and Ochquaga," incorporated February 26th, 1817. "Laokawaxen Turnpike," incorporated January 17th, 1828.

\* See Appendix, No. 8.

† See Appendix, No. 9.

#### VIII. ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE TOWNSHIP.

At the time this place was settled, it was, together with this and the county of Pike, included in the undefined regions of the town of Upper Smithfield, in Northampton County. At that time, the elections for this region were held in the house of Nicholas Depuis, in the vicinity of Stroudsburg. The polls were so remote (about 70 miles) that no votes were ever cast by any of the people here at any election in that county. They were so isolated from all civil jurisdiction, that no tax was levied, and no officer reached them; or was appointed, with one exception: this was the appointment of Mr. Samuel Stanton, by the Governor, in 1796, to act as a Justice of the Peace here for Northampton County. Thus things continued till this town was organized, in 1798, the same year in which Wayne County was set off from Northampton. This county then embraced all of Pike County and nearly one half of Monroe. This was one of ten townships constituted by the Legislature with the county. The five following were in the present territory of Wayne County: Canaan, Palmyra, Buckingham, Damascus, Mount Pleasant. This township had originally a territory of twelve miles north and south, and eight miles east and west, containing about 96 square miles. It included one-seventh and five-tenths of the entire county. The territory first included in this county was divided into three election districts. The third and northern included all of the present Wayne County and about one half of Pike. This district com-